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**Geo. Craig & Co.**





## FOREIGN.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mail advices from Panama, dated Dec. 24, 1885, are as follows: On Dec. 24, two families named Silva and Gonzalez, of Talapuzano, Chili, in a boat for the purpose of attending the customary procession and taking part in the festival of our Lord of Carmel. Upon their return all went well until the mouth of the Andahen River was reached. At this point, in consequence of a change of wind, it became necessary to alter the sails, and for reasons not yet known, all the passengers rushed to one side of the boat, which then capsized. All hands were then thrown into the water. The cries of the drowning people were heard by two lightermen, and they put off in a single chata to render what aid they could. On reaching the drowning people the lightermen picked up five persons, one of whom, a Chinaman, appeared to be quite dead. As the boat was unable to bear so great a weight, it was resolved to throw the supposed dead Chinaman overboard. This was accordingly done. The Chinaman, however, no sooner reached the water than he seized hold of the gunwales of the boat and capsize it. The recently rescued people and the lightermen were thrown into the sea, and out of the seven persons five were drowned the only persons saved were Francisco Gonzalez and one of the lightermen. The boats were sent from Talapuzano to the fatal spot, and they returned with the bodies of the two female passengers, and that of the son of the Silva. The bodies of the remainder had not been recovered up to the 23rd ult.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 2.—The grand jury presented a lengthy report this afternoon, which is of especial importance and interest in view of the efforts which are being made by a number of prominent property holders to rid certain portions of the city of a number of disreputable houses and low saloons which infest it. The report says: "Having discovered, as many of our predecessors did, that the majority of the cases of robbery sent to the grand jury by the different police justices of Chicago, originate in low saloons in certain low districts of the city, the proprietors of which are licensed to carry on this infamous business by the city of Chicago, and enjoy immunity from the police authorities thereof, a committee of our body was duly appointed to ascertain if such irregularities and flagrant derelictions of duty on the part of the police force were true. The committee reported that they were, and further more, the ordinance requiring the closing of saloons at midnight has by long custom become a dead letter in the community, and a partiality seems to exist in favor of the degenerates of the very lowest description and which have been described upon the sworn testimony of policemen before our body as 'robbers' dens.' With regret we report that the administration of affairs in the first police district is in a condition of deplorable rottenness. Dives of the lowest order defy the city's ordinances by keeping open from dawn till midnight, and from midnight till dawn, in them congregate disreputable women, thieves and criminals, and upon our oaths as grand jurors.

A number of unofficial Liberal members have been making overtures to the Parliament for the co-operation of the latter in raising a question as to home rule during the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech. Mr. Parrell declines to reply to Liberal overtures unless accompanied by an express agreement to grant home rule to Ireland. If the Queen's speech refers to Ireland the Parliament will await the Government's proposals. It is settled that the Queen's speech to Parliament, which will meet on the 21st inst., will announce the introduction of the Irish bill resolved on by the Cabinet. The decision was not arrived at without difficulty, strong opposition being offered. The bill is being drafted, and will be ready for printing early next week. The Queen has approved the principles of the measure, namely:—Provincial Chambers, partly elective, retaining the representation of property. The Legislative Chambers are to have exclusive authority over the revenue and expenditure of the country for local purposes, including counties and municipalities. All existing local bodies are to be subject to the control of the Chamber. The supervising power of the Imperial Exchequer is maintained. The local government is to have the power to raise money for all internal purposes, subject to the veto of the Imperial Treasury, but never over the high courts of justice, or conflicting with the Land Act, Land Purchase Act, and general statutes of the country. The Chambers will have power to undertake public works, such as the construction of harbors. There is no authority over police, militia, tariff, or external relations in any shape. Provision is made against the threatened creation of a military volunteer army through the establishment of rifle clubs, clubs by retention of the Punitive Statute, and Imperial control of all money raised, whether by rates or loans.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—It is stated that the Government will submit to Parliament the question of the establishment of a British protectorate over the Bechuanaland extending to the Upper Zambesi.

Specials to the Pioneer Press from all principal points in Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Montana show that the pending blizzard is one of the worst ever known. Snow has fallen to considerable quantities, seriously interfering with the movement of the railway trains. The wind is blowing hard, and the mercury is very low and falling.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 7.—John L. Sullivan to-day authorized the following challenge: "I will fight Mitchell or any other man in the country for \$5,000 to \$10,000. I will fight Mitchell for one cent or for nothing every day for a week, and if I don't lick him on Monday I will give \$1,000 to the orphan asylum; if I don't lick him on Tuesday I will give \$2,000 to the policemen's benevolent funds; and if I don't lick him on Wednesday I will give \$3,000 to the firemen's fund, and so on to some charitable institution until the week is up."

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Daily News says: A resident of Dublin who has been making inquiries concerning the opinions of the Protestant minority in that city on the question of home rule for Ireland, learns that many Protestants do not oppose home rule, while many are in favor of it.

The Times commenting upon the position of affairs in Burmah says that the situation is critical. The two Alupras are gaining in strength. The soldiers of the disbanded Burmese army are flocking to the standard of the Princes.

The Telegraph says that the Earl of Kil-

more who, as an Irish representative peer, and a Conservative, will, early in the coming session of Parliament, make a motion to the effect that the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland can be abolished with advantage.

It is stated that the Saltera Company, owning 70,000 acres in Londonderry, has made an arrangement to sell the land to the tenants, who loan 200,000 to the land commissioner under Lord Ashbourne's act.

The Chinese Government has created a nineteenth province, under the name of Hsuan. The capital is Urumtsu. The province is composed of the districts bordering on Russian Turkestan.

## SWIFT CURRENT.

The citizens of this place entertained Mr. P. J. Alden at a banquet on Monday evening last. Mr. Alden who has been running the C.P.R. dining hall for some time past is leaving Swift Current to take charge of a first rate hotel east of Winnipeg, and it was to show their appreciation of his public services, and the unqualified respect in which he and his family are held, that this entertainment was given. Music, singing and dancing was indulged in until the small hours, and a most convivial and happy time was spent.

## A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indications of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipt that will cure you, FIRST OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. LEWIS, Station D, New York City.

## WANTED!

A Nurse Girl. Apply to MRS. W. A. MACDONALD, 11th St., Brandon.

## A FURNISHED HOUSE OR ROOMS

Suited for January and February. For particulars apply to DR. SPENCER.

## The Electoral Franchise Act

48 & 49 Vic. Cap. 40, (Dominion).

All persons entitled to be registered under this Act as voters for the Electoral District of Selkirk whose names are not already on the last revised assessment roll for the Municipality, with the qualification to entitle them to be registered, are requested to furnish the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January next, 1886, with their names in full, residence, post office address, nature of voting, qualification, where qualification is situated if real estate, or source of income, and such other particulars as are required by the said Act.

Prima Facie evidence of the right to be registered as a voter will be required from each applicant.

BRANDON, DEC. 24TH 1885.

D. M. WALKER, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Selkirk.

APPLICATION will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company to be called "The Rock Lake, Souris and Brandon Railway Company," to construct a railway from the City of Brandon in the Province of Manitoba via Souris City and Rock Lake to the international boundary.

A. R. BOSWELL, Solicitor for applicants.

Toronto, 1st December, 1885.

APPLICATION sera faite au parlement du Canada, a sa prochaine session, pour obtenir l'acte d'incorporation d'une compagnie intitulee "Compagnie du chemin de fer de Rock Lake, Souris et Brandon" avec pouvoir de construire un chemin de fer devant s'etendre de la cite de Brandon, province de Manitoba, jusqu'a la frontiere internationale, en passant par la cite de Souris et Rock Lake.

A. R. BOSWELL, Procureur des requerrants.

Toronto, 1er Decembre 1885.

NOTICE est donne par la presente qu'une Application sera faite au Parlement du Canada, a la premiere Session du dit Parlement pour un Acte confirmant et ratifiant le Charter de la Compagnie du Pont de Brandon promise et donnee a cette Compagnie par la Legislative de la Province de Manitoba et unifiant le Chapitre 40 des Statutes de la Province de Manitoba par lequel l'annee 1884 de Victoria est pour la raison aussi d'obtenir permission et pouvoir de maintenir un Pont a traffique et a charge sur la Riviere Assiniboine sur la rive de la dite cite de Brandon et Province de Manitoba ou s'etendrait dans chaque section 22 ou 23 township 10 range 1 a l'ouest du principal meridian de la dite province on de et a cote de la route entre les dites sections sur la cote a l'autre du cote nord de la dite Riviere.

Le Pont a ete construit et existe maintenant la Riviere et la hauteur des arcs et la distance de l'intervalle entre les platines sont la hauteur et la distance tel qu'il existe d'obtenir pouvoir aussi, a construire ou repare un Pont a traffique et a charge d'un cote a l'autre de la dite Riviere sur le ligna ou le present Pont existe en cas ou cela sera necessaire.

Suivants les Charges qui on propose a charge pour l'usage sur le dit Pont.

Personnes a pied d'un cote a l'autre, 2 cents

Personnes a cheval ou sur mulet d'un cote a l'autre, 10 "

Armeaux par eux eux-memes d'un cote a l'autre, 2 "

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## Xmas and the Holidays

## THE MAIL BOOKSTORE

## POST OFFICE BUILDING,

Is to the front with the chicest lot of goods, for the holidays to be met with in the country, and at the lowest prices

## In Fancy Goods,

We have a full assortment of Photo and Autograph Albums, Purses (Ladies' and Gents.), Ladies Satchels in leather and cloth, Vases, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Toilet Cases (Ladies' and Gents') Bracelets, Shirt Studs, Cuff Buttons, Rings—in gold and silver, and in fact everything that eye can wish for or thought suggest.

## TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.

In this line we have everything to please the little ones. Sleighs, Whips, Tin goods in endless variety. Games, Blocks, Dolls, China Sets, Surprise Boxes, Shell Goods, China and Wooden Animals and Structures and everything else the little folks can ask for.

## In the Stationery Department,

Everything is complete. School and Office Stationery and supplies of every description: Books for presents, in cloth and morocco. Prize books for schools, Bibles and church books for every denomination. In paper covers we have everything in the favorite authors—Dickens, Scott, Cooper. The Dutchess, Bessant, Block, Braddon, Carlyle, Bertha M. Clay, Wilkie Collins, Gabriau, E. P. Roe, Irving, Lytton, Ouida, Thackeray and others; over 1,000 different books to choose from. The greatest assortment to be found in any store in the country.

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Get your Xmas Goods while the assortment is complete. They will be sold now as low as any time in the season, and by calling early, you will have a better assortment to select from.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for a timber berth," will be received at this office until noon, on Monday, the 11th day of January next, for a smaller berth, of fifty square miles, situated on the Nelson River, about 75 miles below the discharge thereof of Lake Winnipeg, and being partly in the Provisional District of Selkirk and partly in that of Kootenai, N. W. T.

Sketches showing the position, approximately of this berth, together with the conditions on which it will be licensed, may be obtained at the department, or at the Crown Timber Office at Winnipeg and Prince Albert.

A. M. BURGESS,

Department of the Minister of the Interior,

Ottawa, Dec. 25th, 1885.

Tender for License to cut Timber on Dominion Lands in the North West Territories



THE FRANCHISE ACT.

The Qualification of Voters—The Process of Registration Explained.

QUALIFICATIONS.

To entitle a person to be put on the list of voters—

1. To be 21 years of age.

2. To be a British subject by birth or naturalization.

3. To be the owner of real property of value of:

(a) In the city of Brandon, \$200.

(b) In the county of Brandon, \$150.

4. To be the owner of real property under lease for a term of years.

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Its value is (stating amount).  
I occupy it under license from the Crown or some person or corporation as the case may be, or under an agreement for purchase of the property.  
I have occupied it since (stating the time).

Or  
I claim to vote on income.  
I am employed as (clerk, accountant, etc., as case may be).  
My employer is (naming him).  
My salary (or wages) is \$— per month (or as case may be).  
From this employment (and from other sources, if such be the case), I have, for the year 1885, derived an income of at least \$200.

Or  
I am engaged in the work or business of (naming employment).  
My earnings for the year ending 1st January, 1886, have not been less than \$200.

I reside at (naming place of residence).  
[Date] [Signature]

FORMS OF DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION TO occupy the application:—

Manitoba,  
County of [ ] I (name in full) of [ ] in the county of [ ] (occupation or other description), do solemnly declare that I am the applicant in the above application to be put on the voters' list for [ ] under the Electoral Franchise Act.

That I have the qualification to be a voter as forth in said application, and the particulars of such application are truly set forth therein.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Act passed in the twenty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, in the title "An Act for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths."

Declared before me at [ ] in the county of [ ] this [ ] day of [ ] A.D. 1886.

[Signature of applicant]

[Signature of Justice of the Peace]

A Justice of the Peace.

HINTS AS TO PERFECTING APPLICATION AND DECLARATION.

Substantially the voters are those who can qualify as owners, tenants, occupants, income voters, sons of owners and farmers' sons.

So that the application shows it correctly.

Make the declaration before a commissioner, notary or justice of the peace. It is convenient to have it attached to the application on the same sheet.

In case of an absent person, let some one having a knowledge of the qualification make the application and declaration.

When one cannot find a justice or other person before whom the declaration can be taken let the application alone be sent in, with an explanation of the reason, and it would be well in such cases to have the truth of the facts in the application certified on the back of it by one, or if possible, two other persons.

WHAT TO DO WITH IT.

The application and declaration must be sent at once to the revising barrister of the district.

It will be remembered that there is a revising barrister for each of the five electoral districts into which the Province is divided for Dominion representation. The names and addresses of these officials are as follows:—

His Honor, Judge Adair, for Winnipeg, Winnipeg, P.O.

His Honor, Judge Ryan, for Marquette Division, Portage la Prairie, P.O.

His Honor, Judge Prudden, for Provencher Division, St. Boniface, P.O.

Alexander Haggart, Esq., for Lisgar Division, Winnipeg, P.O.

Subdivisions are the southern and western part of the province, represented in the House of Commons by Mr. Hugh Sutcliffe.

Marquette Division is the northerly and westerly part, represented by Mr. Robert Wilson.

Provencher Division is the southerly and easterly part, represented by Hon. Joseph Royal.

Lisgar is the northerly and easterly division, represented by Mr. A. W. Ross.

WHEN APPLICATION IS TO BE SENT IN.

All the applications must be "in" the hands of the Revising Barrister before he makes his preliminary list. Judge Walker has published a notice that all applications for Subdivisions must be in his hands before 20th January.

4. List of Failures in the Dominion and the Amount of Money Involved.

The following figures show the failures for the Dominion of Canada for the year 1885, as reported by Dun, Wiman & Co.

Ontario.—1st quarter failures, 206; liabilities, \$1,451,912; 2nd quarter, failures, 457; liabilities, \$1,076,144; 3rd quarter, failures, 114; liabilities, \$1,026,777; 4th quarter, failures, 123; liabilities, \$533,354.

Quebec.—1st quarter, failures, 125; liabilities, \$704,510; 2nd quarter, failures, 75; liabilities, \$716,550; 3rd quarter, failures, 83; liabilities, \$240,133; 4th quarter, failures, 123; liabilities, \$885,112.

New Brunswick.—1st quarter, failures, 8; liabilities, \$62,250; 2nd quarter, failures, 22; liabilities, \$239,590; 3rd quarter, failures, 20; liabilities, \$215,700; 4th quarter, failures, 14; liabilities, \$76,725.

Nova Scotia.—1st quarter, failures, 32; liabilities, \$238,025; 2nd quarter, failures, 24; liabilities, \$102,900; 3rd quarter, failures, 26; liabilities, \$137,000; 4th quarter, failures, 26; liabilities, \$87,450.

Prince Edward Island.—1st quarter, failures, none; liabilities, \$ none; 2nd quarter, failures, none; liabilities, none; 3rd quarter, failures, none; liabilities, none; 4th quarter, failures, 2; liabilities, \$11,700.

Manitoba.—1st quarter, failures, 22; liabilities, \$329,685; 2nd quarter, failures, 16; liabilities, \$167,999; 3rd quarter, failures, 11; liabilities, \$127,603; 4th quarter, failures, 17; liabilities, \$193,200.

Newfoundland.—1st quarter, failures, none; liabilities, none; 2nd quarter, failures, 3; liabilities, \$35,500; 3rd quarter, failures, none; liabilities, none; 4th quarter, failures, 6; liabilities, \$83,600.

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# EXTRAORDINARY NEWS!

For the People of Manitoba and the Northwest.

## -GEO. BAWDEN-

### Clothier & General Outfitter of the City of Brandon.

Having paid a visit to the Eastern Markets during the past summer, I made some very heavy purchases in several lines of Fall and Winter goods, such as Tweed Suits, Tweed Overcoats.

### Etoff Ulsters, Underclothing & Heavy Woolen Shirts.

At greatly reduced prices---that are usually paid for first-class goods; and finding when his immense stock arrived that it was altogether too large for his old place of business,

### THE GOLDEN LION CLOTHING STORE.

Has been compelled to open a second place of business in DURST'S new brick block, known as

### BEAVER HALL CLOTHING STORE.

Where the Rush for FIRST-CLASS CLOTHING, GENT'S FURNISHINGS and FURS of all descriptions has been going on for the past two weeks. Do not fail to pay a visit to either of the above stores if you wish to get more than value for the money invested.

**GEO. BAWDEN**, the only Clothier and Outfitter in the City of Brandon.

## TOWN TOPICS

Mr. Herron admits ladies to his ice rink free for the next two weeks.

Mr. D. C. McKinnon, of the Little Central, departed for the east to-day on a pleasure trip.

Mr. Vantassel is in Broadway wheat buying, since the Union went up the "spout."

Australia exports 30 millions of bushels of wheat this year.

Messrs. Craig & Co. are now fully located in their second store, spreading an extensive stock of groceries to public view.

The Hudson Bay Co. are now issuing timber permits to farmers, at the price of 50 cents per cord, and 50 cents per 100 rails.

Lady Macdonald together with Judge and Mrs. Brooks went through Brandon on her return eastward on Monday last.

Miss Lang, who has been sick for some little time has now resumed her duties at the city schools.

The new Council of Cornwallis held its first meeting on Tuesday in the City Hall, and members elect took the oath.

The Bachelors of Brandon not to be behind the times, will hold an assembly in the Masonic Block, on the 13th, and no doubt a very nice programme of music has been arranged.

According to a resolution of the City Council, Mayor Smart asks citizens to attend a meeting in the City Hall on Thursday, the 14th, to consider what financial assistance can be rendered to the Brandon No. 1 Agricultural Society, which is in bad shape just now.

Mr. Muir, a brakeman on the G. T. R. near London, who has many relations in this country near Douglass and the Brandon Hills, was accidentally killed on the 2nd of this month, while on duty.

A branch Conservative Association is shortly to be started in the Brandon Hills, and we wish it every success. Let other settlements follow suit and organize, and thus when the time comes again prove the truth of the old adage, "unity is strength."

An old mare, belonging to Mr. Doran, of 14-9-12, which, together with some colts, allowed the run of the prairie, returned home one day last week with a lot of shot in her head and in great pain. Mr. Doran would like to find out who did the deed, in order that he may make it hot for him.

Some of the farmers to the south of the city are talking amongst themselves of the necessity of establishing a cheese factory, and are considering ways and means. Our columns

are always open to farmers to discuss such matters. A cheese factory, not too far from the city, should be a success, if properly managed from the start.

The School Board held a meeting last night, (Tuesday.)

Money in it, cats are said to be worth 2 cents a pound in Calgary.

The Bishop of the diocese will conduct his services in St. Matthew's Church next Sunday, both morning and evening. The ceremony of inducting the new rector to his charge will probably take place in the morning.

Mr. Edmunds of the Royal stables, went east on Monday, to buy a car-load of young mares for this market. He intends to buy in the neighborhood of Wellington, and expects to be gone some two months. He says he will bring none but very choice animals.

Mr. John Hanbury had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse on Monday from a cold, or some other similar disease. On the same day one of his children came near being choked by a piece of an apple, but luckily an expert application of the fingers of a lady present prevented bad results.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson, who resides a short distance out in the country had a very successful operation performed on her eye, by Dr. Agnew, of Winnipeg, a few days since. She had been blind for upwards of two years, and after the doctor's operation was performed, sight was restored; and she now sees with very little difficulty.

Conservatives are reminded it is very rare that their applications to be placed on the voters' list for the electoral division of St. Kirk should be in the hands of the revising barrister, Judge Walker, Brandon, not later than 20th January. This should not be neglected, and our readers are urged to attend to it before it is too late.

Another runaway took place at the station last week. A horse attached to a cutter took fright at the engine, and jumped the wire fence, the cutter staying on the other side. The horse was caught by the bottom wire and thrown. He was caught while down, and no material damage was done.

Mr. Purvis has resigned the secretaryship of the Farmers' Union, and the whole institution appears to tumble with him. Mr. D. L. McKinnon declares he has advanced more money on the wheat sent him than the supply is worth, so either those who are good for it in the Union, the institution being incorporated or the farmers who sold on margins will have to pocket a considerable loss.

Mr. McLeod, the new head master of the Brandon School arrived on Tuesday last, and was met at the train by some of the trustees. He comes here from the Portage with the best of testimonials, both as a scholar and a teacher, and we have no doubt will prove competent and popular teacher.

The Portage people were very loth to part with him, but what is Portage's loss is Brandon's gain, and the MAIL wishes him every success in this his new sphere of labor.

The members of the Brandon Fire Brigade held their annual meeting last (Tuesday) night, at Green's restaurant, when a good oyster supper was indulged in. The officers for the year were elected. Wiswell, chief; Richards, hook and ladder foreman; Speers, hose foreman; and Phillips, Forbes, Stewart and Maywood, branchmen. J. Taylor, secretary, and Kennedy, Treasurers.

A little excitement in the shape of a "silver hunt" took place at the Royal Roller Rink one night last week. Not many were present, and the two dollars which were suspended from the ceiling were not found at all by the blindfolded contestants. The weather is a little too sultry just now for skating either on wheels or steel.

The monthly sales of farm stock and implements, which are held at the Royal stables by Mr. Pilling, on the 2nd Wednesday in the month, are becoming a recognized medium amongst farmers for the purchase and sale of horses, cattle and implements. "Charlie" says he can't have too much stuff to sell, and wants intending purchasers to remember that the next sale day will soon be here, Jan. 20th.

On Thursday last W. Manchester, who is a jobbing painter by trade, had a narrow escape of an untimely journey to the land from which no return ticket is allowed. It seems that Manchester who has been somewhat all of late, took a bottle of very poisonous liniment in place of the proper medicine, and at once showed symptoms of poisoning. Remedies were applied promptly, and the patient we are glad to say has now recovered, not much the worse for his "close call."

At the latter end of last week the weather was the absorbing topic of conversation, the thermometer on one occasion going as low as 45 below zero. Every-body said to his neighbor "it is cold." We know now we are in Manitoba, and so on. To-day, (Wednesday) however, is a most delightful day, warm and bright, and citizens are congratulating one another again upon the remarkable fine weather we are having one day like this compensates for many cold ones. The bright weather is bringing farmers into town again.

Police News.—Elliott Gray, alias Atkinson, was charged at the Police Court on Thursday with robbing the till at the Royal Hotel on the previous day. It seems that the man was suspect of being a crook, and bills were marked and left in the till in the day named. Gray had been boarding in the hotel for a day or two, and on the day in question he played off drunk pretty early in the day, but it was not good enough and he was caught coming away from the till and on being told to put up his hands he dropped the marked bills and silver, some \$6 and was allowed to go. Later at night he was apprehended, and

Mayor Smart sentenced him to two months' imprisonment, remarking he was an old offender, and the next sentence would be for a year or so.

A runaway team on Monday came near putting out the light of one of the city's Chinese washerwomen. The horses belonged to a farmer named Cox, who is hauling cord-wood into town, and were tied to a post while the teamster went away. Something startled them and they broke the tie, coming round Rosser and on to 6th like a "struck." The Chinaman was coming down 6th with a bundle of clothes and when the runaways came opposite to him the wood together with the rock flew off his feet, and rolled over and over like a ninepin. The horse continued their career with the empty sleigh, and jumped over a load of grain standing by Parrish's. Here the whippetrees broke and the horses ran on behind McKenna & Russell's blacksmith shop, where they were caught by a Mr. Callender. The horses were not hurt beyond a few cuts, while the Chinaman was able in a short time to go about his business, although badly frightened.

We understand that at the Grit meeting in the city last Tuesday evening Mr. Fraser made a point of "Aggravating the Government" by showing the MAIL had advertisements for contracts to be let in Ontario. Doubtless Mr. Fraser remembers that in 1875 the Ontario Government, purely Grit as it is and presided over by that ideal of "pure Reform," Mr. Oliver Mowat, paid the Grit prints of his province \$5,000 for advertising for 100 tons of coal for the public buildings in Toronto, when a dozen circulars costing \$1 would have brought all the competition possible. Mr. F. also remembers that on another occasion, Mr. Angus then the Grit Speaker of a Grit Government, took printing contracts from his master but had not the facilities for completing, and was obliged to submit the work, but pocketed a nice round sum without even turning his hand, except to count the money. This of course may be said to be in topic reasoning, but at all events we would raise no objections to Mr. Fraser's "choke," if he, who is so well up in Shakespeare and all other authors worthy of quotation had only remarked at the close of his oration that "people who live in glass houses should not pelt stones."

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It can be given it a cup of coffee or tea without the knowledge of the person taking it, effecting a speedy and permanent cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wretch. Thousands of drunkards have been made sane by men who have taken the Golden Specific, and who have given it without their knowledge, and to day believe quite frankly of their own free will. No painful effects result from its administration. Cures guaranteed. Circulars and testimonials sent free. Address, GOLDEN SPECIFIC CO., 227 West 4th, (St. Paul, Minn.).

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